

Amendments to the claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

registering, in a controller entity comprising a call state control function, a plurality of contact addresses for a user;

receiving, at the controller entity, a request for a communication link to the user;

querying, by the controller entity, a database at a home subscriber server for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request, ~~when a user preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the registering, wherein said queried information indicates whether said request is to be forked at least one of in parallel or sequentially, wherein the controller entity is implemented at a serving call state control function; and~~

processing, at the controller entity, the request based on the queried information from the database, wherein, when provided during registration, the controller entity uses user preference information to determine whether to fork the request in parallel or sequentially ~~when a user preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the registering.~~

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed claim 1, wherein the registering comprises registering the plurality of contact addresses for the user in the

controller entity which is provided in association with a multimedia network.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the registering comprises the user registering the plurality of contact addresses in at least two different communication networks.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the querying comprises applying a query to a sub-group of known contact addresses.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed claim 1, further comprising indicating and assigning handling instructions for at least one contact address independently during registration of the at least one contact address.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the indicating and assigning comprises indicating and handling the handling instructions for the at least one contact address by either the user or the database.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
at least one processor; and

at least one memory, wherein the at least one processor and the at least one memory provide operations comprising:

registering, in a controller entity comprising a call state control function, a plurality of contact addresses for a user;

receiving, at the controller entity, a request for a communication link to the user;

querying, by the controller entity, a database at a home subscriber server for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request, when a first preference for forking, wherein said queried information indicates whether said request is to be forked at least one of in parallel or sequentially, wherein the apparatus comprises a serving call state control function; and

processing, at the controller entity, the request based on the queried information from the database, wherein, when provided during registration, the controller entity uses user preference information to determine whether to fork the request in parallel or sequentially when a user preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the registering.

12-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

registration means for registering, in a controller entity comprising a call state control function, a plurality of contact addresses for a user;

interface means, at a controller entity, for interfacing to a database for storing

information regarding how to handle a request for the user;

querying means for querying, by the controller entity, the database at a home subscriber server for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request, ~~when a user preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the registering, wherein said queried information indicates whether said request is to be forked at least one of in parallel or sequentially, wherein the apparatus comprises a serving call state control function; and~~

processing means for processing, at the controller entity, the request based on the queried information from the database, wherein, when provided during registration, the controller entity uses user preference information to determine whether to fork the request in parallel or sequentially ~~when a user preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the registering.~~

Claim 21-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed claim 11, wherein the apparatus is provided in association with a multimedia network.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the registering is configured to register the plurality of contact addresses in at least two different communication networks.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the querying applies a query to a sub-group of known contact addresses.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed claim 11, further comprising receiving handling instructions for at least one contact address during registration of the at least one contact address.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the handling instructions are received from at least one of the user or the database.

31. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the request comprises a session initiation protocol request.

32. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the call state control function is a serving call state control function.